

AVA NEWSLETTER

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URGENT: Protect Your Vending Business from the Single-Use Cup Levy – Your Response is Needed!

The Scottish government is pushing forward with a Single-Use Disposable Beverage Cup Levy, with proposals that could have devastating effects on vending businesses. After months of engagement with Scottish environmental bodies, we've successfully raised concerns, and **a potential exemption for drinks sold from vending machines has been included** in the current consultation. However, this exemption isn't guaranteed.

Why this matters: If this legislation passes **without** an exemption for vending, it could spell disaster for operators in Scotland, leading to significant financial impacts. Even if your business only trades in snacks, confectionery, or soft drinks, this **could still impact your customers - and therefore your business.**

Here's what you need to know:

- **The current proposal includes a 20p to 50p (or more!) levy on single-use disposable cups starting in 2025.**
- **Question 6 of the consultation** asks if drinks sold from vending machines should be exempt. **We need your action on this!**
- The AVA represents **24,500 operator employees across the UK**, but **we need individual responses** from all businesses to ensure the voices calling for this exemption aren't outnumbered.

Action Required: The AVA has already sent out details on how to respond to this consultation, both as a company and as an individual. To protect your business, it is **vital** that you respond before the deadline of 14th November. Even if your vending business isn't primarily in Scotland, **this could set a dangerous precedent for the rest of the UK.**

If you missed the email with the details of how to respond - contact kennedy.warwick@the-ava.com for details.

Make sure your voice is heard and help protect the future of vending!



AVA Southern Golf Day 2024

A Heartfelt Thank You for a Spectacular Southern Golf Day

Last month, we had the pleasure of hosting our Annual Southern Golf Day, proudly sponsored by H2O Direct, at the stunning Pryford Lakes. It was a truly memorable day, filled with great company, incredible golf, and the perfect setting. We want to extend our warmest thanks to everyone who joined us, helped make the event a success, and continues to support this annual tradition.

A special congratulations to our winner of the individual stableford: Jan van der Kwast, *Koffee2Go*. Jan's team also clinched victory in the team competition for the best three Stableford scores, with a stellar performance from Robin Turver, *SB Software*, Oliver Millson, *Millsons* and Fergus Millson, *Millsons*. Additional recognition goes to Sinclair le Geyt, *Birchall Tea* who hit the longest drive of the day, and Dan Graham, *Birchall Tea* claimed Nearest the Pin in two. Joe Stockwell, *Masteroast*, David Llewellyn, *AVA*, Dan Graham, *Birchall Tea* and Jan Van der Kwast, *Koffee2Go* achieving Nearest the Pin on holes 2, 6, 10 and 17, respectively.

If you weren't able to join us this year, don't worry - we've already secured dates for next year's event! Keep an eye on our website for updates and announcements. We can't wait to see you there!





**TECHNICAL &
OPERATIONS**

Webinar

Tuesday, 29 October 

At 10.00 am 

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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Attention AVA Operator Members!

Don't miss this essential event designed specifically for Senior Managers, Operations, and Technical teams. We'll cover key aspects of day-to-day operations, from tackling pest infestations to navigating the complexities of VAT. You'll also receive valuable operator tips on maximizing your vending management software and strategies to future-proof your business against evolving legislation and shifting client and consumer demands.

With a line-up of expert speakers, you'll gain insights on effectively managing costs and minimizing impacts on your business.

Cost for AVA Members: Free

For more information, visit our website [here](#) or to book your place, email Kennedy [here](#).



Did you miss out on tickets for the highly anticipated Christmas luncheon? It's no surprise, as they sold out within weeks of going on sale.

But today is your lucky day! We've been working diligently with the venue to secure five additional tables, offering 40 more spots. If you missed your chance before, now is your last opportunity!

Haven't received an invitation yet? Act fast, as this year's guest list is filling up quickly. Don't wait for an invitation—grab your ticket now! We promise it will be worth it, especially with this year's after-party getting an exciting upgrade.

For all event details, click [here](#), or feel free to reach out to Kennedy with any questions. If you can't wait and need your ticket now, don't hesitate to call or [email](#) Kennedy! Don't miss out—these remaining tickets won't last long!

INVITATION

For all Your Vending, HoReCa and OCS Requirements



Vendex
OUT OF HOME - UNATTENDED RETAIL

We would like to personally invite *you*
to come and see us at
Vendex North '24

**Free
Entry!**

*Unbeatable show offers and exciting
new product launches at the show!*

CENTENARY PAVILION

ADMITS ONE

November

**6th
2024**

10am - 4pm

Centenary Pavillion

Leeds Football Club
LS11 0ES

Register to visit
now at
www.vend-ex.com



Vendex Drop In Dinner

Join Us for a Pre-Vendex Dinner at Blackhouse, Leeds!



Vendex North is just around the corner, and we're excited to announce a drop-in dinner the night before, arranged in collaboration with [Blackhouse](#), Leeds. After a long day of setting up for the biggest vending exhibition in the UK, come and unwind with us.

If you'd like to join us and network with other industry professionals, please make your own booking using the reference "AVA." This will let the organisers know you're with our group while keeping your booking and details separate for any changes you might need.

If you have any questions, please contact [Kennedy](#). Or click [here](#) to register.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Welcome to Our New AVA Members!

The AVA is delighted to welcome several new members to our community in 2024. We are thrilled to have them on board and look forward to working with each of them for many years to come.

For more information on the benefits of being an AVA member, visit our website [here](#).



V3 Vending

“Based in North Shropshire, V3 Vending is a vibrant and innovative vending operator dedicated to transforming the refreshment experience. With a commitment to excellence, we pride ourselves on delivering top-notch service and cost-effective solutions tailored to our clients’ needs across Shropshire, Cheshire, and Wales.

At V3, we understand that the right refreshments can elevate any environment, whether it’s a bustling office, a manufacturing facility, or a community space. Our diverse offerings include traditional snack and beverage vending machines, state-of-the-art coffee solutions—from artisanal barista

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machines to convenient instant options—and cutting-edge emerging products like unattended retail solutions, smart fridges, and micro-markets.

Our team is passionate about innovation and sustainability, constantly seeking the latest trends and technologies to enhance our services. By prioritising quality and customer satisfaction, we ensure that our clients receive not just products, but a seamless vending experience that keeps their teams energised and engaged.

As a young and dynamic player in the vending industry, V3 is committed to building lasting relationships with our clients, adapting to their changing needs, and providing exceptional support every step of the way.”

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE AVA AND INDUSTRY EVENTS - CHECK FOR UPDATES AND NEW ADDITIONS IN OUR [CALENDAR](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER

Wednesday

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**AVA Live: On-the-Road @
DS Smith Recycling Plant**

Tuesday

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**NIVO Business Seminar &
Networking Event**

Tuesday

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**AVA Technical & Operations
Day Webinar**



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